

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 6 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/052321 without prejudice. Please add new claims as indicated in the claim listing below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (new): A box-terminal contactor comprising:

a switching device housing including a housing part having a front side and two terminal sides and box terminal housings capable of being latched to the housing part from the terminal sides,

contact straps secured in the housing part and laterally protruding therefrom; and

box terminals held in the box terminal housings and surrounding the contact straps;

the box terminal housings including two substantially right-angled cover halves with front-side cover legs located opposite each other to cover the front side and terminal-side cover legs attachable to the housing part.

Claim 8 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 7 wherein the housing part includes side walls with guides running parallel to the front side and perpendicular to the terminal sides and cooperating with mating guides formed on the front-side cover legs.

Claim 9 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 8 wherein the guides cooperate with the mating guides in a clamping manner.

Claim 10 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 7 wherein the guides are inwardly projecting ribs, and the mating guides are grooves.

Claim 11 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 7 wherein the housing part includes side walls laterally embracing the terminal-side cover legs and latch to the terminal-side cover legs.

Claim 12 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 11 wherein the terminal-side cover legs have a latch part cooperating with a mating latch part provided on the side walls.

Claim 13 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 12 wherein the latch part is a latch knob and the mating latch part is an opening.